



**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023**

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on Friday, December 8, 2023, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Jonathan Franks called the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Jonathan Franks, Chair

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Elisabeth Meyer, Vice Chair

Jennifer Powell

Lira Ramirez

Pete Salazar

Kristen Vassallo

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities November 3, 2023, regular meeting. **The minutes from the meeting of (11/03/2023) were approved on Salazar's motion, and Meyer's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts, Mickey Fetonte, and Adrienne Hogan.)**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion and updates on the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC). (Jeremy Garza and Alejandra Mireles) **Discussion was held, and the presentation was made by Jeremy Garza.**
3. Discussion and updates from the COTA Disability Access Taskforce liaison. (Donna Betts). **Discussion was not held. Request for Item #3 to roll over to January 2024 agenda.**

4. Discussion and presentation on housing accessibility for people with disabilities. (Stephanie Thomas, President, Accessible Housing Austin! (AHA!), Trey Nichols, Executive Director, Accessible Housing Austin! (AHA!) and Jamey May, Community Development Officer, City of Austin Housing Department) (Pete Salazar) **Discussion was held, and the presentation was made by Jamey May, Stephanie Thomas, and Trey Nichols.**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and action on report from the Safety and Accessibility for People with Disabilities on Austin's Public Transportation System Workgroup's activities including a review and approval of a transportation questionnaire, and discussion and approval of holding town halls. (Vice Chair Meyer) **Discussion was held. The motion to approve town halls and the transportation questionnaire was approved on Vassallo's motion and Salazar's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts, Mickey Fetonte, and Adrienne Hogan.)**
6. Discussion and possible action to establish a working group to review an amended census for people with new physical or mental challenges and people who are experiencing lifelong physical or mental challenges. **Discussion was not held. Request for Item #6 to roll over to January 2024 agenda.**
7. Discussion and possible action to review and/or establish goals for the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities. (Vice Chair Meyer) **Discussion was held. The motion to vote on establishing goals for the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities was approved on Salazar's motion and Meyer's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts, Mickey Fetonte, and Adrienne Hogan.)**
8. Discussion and possible action to determine ad hoc committees based on the goals of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities. **Discussion was not held. Request for Item # 8 to roll over to January 2024 agenda.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Jonathan Franks adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m. without objection.

(Commissioner Salazar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. and Vice Chair Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with the following Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts, Mickey Fetonte, and Adrienne Hogan.)

The minutes from the meeting of (12/8/2023) were approved at the Friday, January 12, 2024, meeting on Salazar's motion, and Hogan's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Jonathan Franks, Donna Betts, and Mickey Fetonte)

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